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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, of page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention is an apparatus comprising an inflatable vehicle occupant protection device and a gas generating material  $\backslash$  that, when ignited, produces gas to inflate the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device. The gas generating material comprises a polyurethane